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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
VICINAGE OF NEWARK

MORRIS JACKMON,	:	
	:	
Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. MID-L-6156-17
v.	:	
	:	<u>NOTICE OF REMOVAL</u>
N.J. DEPARTMENT OF	:	
CORRECTIONS.	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

To: Clerk of Court

Morris Jackmon (SBI# 526665B)
East Jersey State Prison
Lock Bag R
Rahway, NJ 07065

Defendant N.J. Department of Corrections, through
Christopher S. Porrino, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Adam
Robert Gibbons, Deputy Attorney General, files this notice of
removal and in support thereof, states:

1. N.J. Department of Corrections is the sole named Defendant in an action received by the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, Middlesex County, bearing Docket No. MID-L-6156-17, captioned, Morris Jackmon v. N.J. Department of Corrections. By this action, the above listed Defendant moves for this matter to be removed to this District Court.

2. The above-entitled action was commenced by the submitting of a Complaint to the Law Division of the Middlesex County Civil Court. On December 7, 2017, N.J. Department of Corrections was served with the complaint via certified mail.

4. This matter is removable because Plaintiff has alleged violations of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act of 2000 ("RLUIPA"), 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc. A true and correct copy of the Complaint is annexed as Exhibit A. Plaintiff filed for Class Certification and same was denied. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Petition for Class Certification and Order denying same is annexed as Exhibit B.

5. The United States District Court has original or supplemental jurisdiction over all claims in this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1343, and 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

6. This action is removable to the District Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), 28 U.S.C. § 1443, and 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

7. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of the date Defendant N.J. Department of Corrections was served with a Summons and Complaint and became aware that the matter was removable.

WHEREFORE, Defendant N.J. Department of Corrections respectfully requests that the action now pending in the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, Mercer County, bearing Docket No. MID-L-6156-17, captioned, Morris Jackmon v. N.J. Department of Corrections, be removed to this District Court.

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